

### **309.083 Requirements for certification as alcohol and drug counselors.**

An applicant for certification as an alcohol and drug counselor shall pay the board the initial fee for certification, and shall:

- (1) Be at least eighteen (18) years of age;
- (2) Have obtained a baccalaureate degree;
- (3) Have completed six thousand (6,000) hours of board-approved experience working with persons having a substance use disorder, three hundred (300) hours of which shall have been under the direct supervision of:
  - (a) A certified alcohol and drug counselor who has at least two (2) years of post-certification experience; or
  - (b) A licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselor who has at least two (2) years of post-licensure experience;
- (4) Have completed at least two hundred seventy (270) classroom hours of board-approved curriculum;
- (5) Have passed a written examination that has been approved by the International Certification Reciprocity Consortium on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse;
- (6) Have signed an agreement to abide by the standards of practice and code of ethics approved by the board;
- (7) Have completed at least six (6) hours of ethics training; three (3) hours of domestic violence training; and two (2) hours of training in the transmission, control, treatment, and prevention of the human immunodeficiency virus;
- (8) Have submitted two (2) letters of reference from certified or licensed clinical alcohol and drug counselors;
- (9) Live or work at least a majority of the time in Kentucky; and
- (10) Have complied with the requirements for the training program in suicide assessment, treatment, and management in KRS 210.366 and any administrative regulations promulgated thereunder.

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